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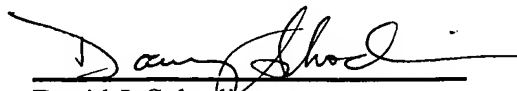
Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled STABLE CALIBRATORS OR CONTROLS FOR MEASURING HUMAN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES are the following:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.